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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Stell DATE TYPED: 01/27/03 HB 78

SHORT TITLE: Weather Control Act Administration SB _____

ANALYST: Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 78 amends Section 75-3-2 NMSA 1978 assign to responsibilities for weather modification to the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) from the Weather Control and Cloud Modification Commission. All fees collected for weather modification will be used by the ISC for carrying out the purposes of this act. Provisions of existing statute pertaining to the Weather Control and Cloud Modification Commission are stricken.

Significant Issues

The bill transfers authority to administer weather control and cloud modification from the Weather Control and Cloud Modification Commission to the ISC; however, it does not transfer any funding or FTE. OSE estimates that 1 FTE and funding at \$100.0 will be required. The bill also does not transfer any existing fund balances that may be available from the Weather Control and Cloud Modification Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Rules and regulations will have to be promulgated by the ISC. Existing licenses issued by the Weather Control and Cloud Modification Commission will have to be reissued by the ISC.

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